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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

Sir:

This Amendment After Final Rejection is being filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on June 21, 2004, in the above-identified application. Reconsideration of the rejections and the finality of the Action is requested.

An extension of time to respond to the Office Action is respectfully requested. A Petition for Extension of Time and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently with this Amendment.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are shown in the "Listing of the Claims" which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments and remarks.